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## **Police Department Completes Annual Report**

The Springfield Police Department has completed an annual department report. The statistics and data have been compiled during the past several months. The last annual report was completed in 2008.

Included within this report are several changes that have taken place during 2011. Some of these changes range from the rebirth of the black and white color schemes displayed on the SPD fleet to the revitalization of the Neighborhood Watch program.

Citizens will also be able to view the changes to the SPD beat structure and the formation of the department's first Leadership Council. The report also includes the progress of the remodeled South District Station including a regional Police/Fire Training Center, the NICHE records management system, and the addition of two new patrol squads within the city.

The annual report also reflects the efforts of the SPD in the form of crime statistics. Citizens will be able to look at the specific calls for service and crime data. These particular statistics include DWI investigations, methamphetamine labs encountered throughout the year, metal theft incidents, etc. In addition, citizens will be able to see how the SPD is addressing these specific crime problems within the city.

The report also details how the SPD assisted in the Joplin tornado recovery efforts and commitment to the community through involvement with the Special Olympics, Safety Expositions, and various other community events. The report also highlights numerous commendations and accomplishments of Springfield Police Officers during the course of the year.

The SPD encourages citizens to download and review the report (pdf), and welcomes feedback via the SPD website, which is located at www.springfieldmo.gov/spd.

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